

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 13 and 15 through 37 are pending, with Claims 1, 16, 17, 18, 23, 34, 35, and 36 being independent. Claims 7, 8, 11, and 18 through 37 were withdrawn from consideration as non-elected. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17 have been amended.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite on the grounds that the claim's lines 3 and 4 each recite an "optical member". All rejections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the claim in a manner earnestly believed to avoid the grounds of rejection, viz, one of the "optical member" recitations has been deleted. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1 through 6, 9, 10, and 12 through 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,002,885 (Kaneda). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 16, and 17 variously recite, inter alia, that the preset velocity information stored in the memory means corresponds to the driving velocity of the optical member when the storage designation operation means is operated, and the control means changes the preset velocity information in accordance with an operation of the operation member.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Kaneda fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed feature as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1, 16, and 17. Applicants respectfully submit that Kaneda discloses, e.g., trajectories, wherein in the memories there are the velocity data and the direction data. However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Kaneda provides either a description or a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed feature. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed feature.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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